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## ***LAWRENCEVILLE MAN CHARGED IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY***

Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on February 8, 2006, **CLIFTON V. PINKSTAFF**, age 29, of Lawrenceville, Illinois, was named in a one count Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois.

**PINKSTAFF** was charged with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

Upon conviction, **PINKSTAFF** faces a penalty of 5-40 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2,000,000, and a term of supervised release of at least 4 years.

*An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.*

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, the Robinson, Illinois Police Department, and the Lawrenceville Police Department. In addition, the Crawford and Lawrence County States Attorney's Offices have assisted throughout the investigation.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.